

Punalur Paper.

423. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the controlled price of a ream of twenty pounds of Punalur mill-made paper;

(b) what is the rate at which the wholesale dealer of paper at Changanacherry, Mr. A. B. Moideen Pillai, is authorised to sell paper;

(c) whether the Controller of Civil Supplies and the Manager of Punalur Paper Mills have received complaints from the public that the said merchant is selling at Rs. 12 or more per ream, and that he refuses to give bills for the quantity he sells to the customers; and

(d) what action the Government have taken in this matter?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (a) The controlled mill price of a ream of 20 lbs. unbleached Punalur paper is Rs. 9 as. 11-0, f. o. r. destination.

(b) Messrs A. B. Moideen Pillai and Bros. are authorised to sell paper to wholesale dealers at the controlled mill price (7 as. 9 pies per lb.), to retail dealers at 10 per cent. above the controlled mill price, and also to sell paper in retail at 25 per cent. above the controlled mill price.

(c) Yes.

(d) The Inspector of Civil Supplies, Kottayam, has been asked to conduct an enquiry in the matter and to forward an immediate report.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether an enquiry will be ordered immediately?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: An investigation has been ordered through the Inspector of Civil Supplies of Kottayam.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether it will be possible for him to give the conclusions of that investigation?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: The reply from the Civil Supplies Inspector has not been received.

Applications for planting rubber.

424. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Government for planting rubber and the acreage covered by them;

(b) the number of applications sanctioned and permits for new planting of rubber with their acreage; and

(c) whether freedom is given for planting new areas in Cochin and British territories without any restriction?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR:

(a) Total number of applications received... 11806
Acreage covered by the applications ... 88795.14 acres.

(b) Number of applications sanctioned ... 11224
Acreage ... 82984.34 acres.

(c) Government have no information.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether any fresh applications for new planting of rubber will be accepted;

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No, it is not justified, because the planting area is very little compared to the area allotted.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Sir, from the answers it is seen that 582 applications covering an area of 5,810 acres have been rejected. May I know whether they will be given an opportunity to renew their applications?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: 1/10 of the area allotted has been planted. There is no justification now to allow that. If the area planted is small then the other applications will be considered.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Sir, in the case of those whose applications have been rejected, they have been given no opportunity to plant. If their applications are reconsidered, they may be replanting their areas. Is there any objection in reconsidering that?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Out of the 11,806 applications 11,224 applications have been allowed permission. So there is not many who have been left out.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: 582 applications covering 5810 acres have been rejected.....

PRESIDENT: That is only a suggestion for further action.

Coir factories.

425. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of coir factories in Shertallai taluk which have got war purpose orders during the period 1118, 1119 and 1120 till Mithunam 1120?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR:

1118 Figures are not available.

1119 43 factories.

1120 45 factories till Mithunam.

Coir Control Order.

426. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the date and year of the Coir Control Order;

(b) the reasons that led to the promulgation of the Coir Control Order; and

(c) the system in the working of the Coir Control Order?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (a) 30th May 1944.

(b) the main purpose of the Order is to make sufficient coir yarn available for the execution of war orders undertaken by Government.

(c) this is indicated in the Coir Control Order dated 30th May 1944.